made for the use of the village community. Such encroachments are very keenly felt in localities where sugarcane cultivation exists on a large scale owing to the difficulties of procuring good fuel for boiling sugarcane juice and of finding sufficient pasture for cattle. It is prayed that an additional allotment of district forests and gomal lands may be made for the use of the raiyats in such localities.

Reply of Government.—Forest Settlement is made by a special Settlement Officer, who is a revenue officer of experience. He fully investigates the needs of the raiyats and provides for all their rights. His orders are subject to appeal to the Deputy Commissioner and the Settlement is not sanctioned by Government without consulting the Revenue Commissioner. If the requirements of the raiyats have not been sufficiently provided for in any case, they have thus ample means of obtaining redress.

SUBJECT NO. 194.

Coupes in malnad district forests.

(1) Messrs. B. Venkatasubbannachar, Agumbe Rama Rao, Thammaiya Bhatta, and Ramanna Gowda, Tirthahalli taluk.
(2) Messrs. Nadig Bhishtappa and Rama Rao, Sorab taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) As the forests in the malnad are not uniformly dense, it causes much inconvenience if the raiyats are required to obtain timber only from coupes. The coupes formed by the Forest Department may therefore be abolished.

(2) The rule requiring the issue of wood only from coupes formed by the Forest Department works as a hardship to the raiyats, as very often the coupes do not contain the required varieties of wood and as the raiyats are put to additional trouble in having to go out of their own village limits for the wood required by them. They may therefore be permitted to remove the wood required by them from the district forests assigned for their villages. The coupes are also in places to which carts cannot be taken easily.

Reply of Government.—Instructions will be issued to provide all reasonable facilities for the raiyats to meet their requirements.

SUBJECT NO. 195.

Occupied *kans* in the malnad not to be included within State Forests.

Messrs. Nadig Bhishtappa, Rama Rao and Nadig Swami Rao, Sorab taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Forest Department is attempting to include occupied *kans* in Kodakani, Halesorab, Jambehalli, Kastanahalli, Marur, Santemarur, Tavanandi, Tavarehalli, and other villages of the Sorab taluk within the limits of State Forests. As Government have no right to the valuable wood in occupied *kans*, for which the kan-holders pay assessment and which they have enjoyed without interruption for a long time, it is prayed that the Forest Department may be directed not to extend their operations to occupied *kans*. The extent of the Kodakani *kan* is 1,000 acres. The Forest Department felled trees in it and the raiyats objected. There was an assault case. On some of these trees, pepper vines grow